

Fast Food Fax

MAR 14, 2005

Trade sentiment was fully steady to instances firm. Demand ranged fair to good, best where feature activity was planned. In the parts complex, breast items were in good balance to tight. Dark meat cuts were generally adequate. Wings were more than sufficient. Weights were mixed but mostly desirable.

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

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Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: Feb 26, 2005

	FOOD SERVICE/			
	<u>FAST FOOD</u>	<u>RETAIL</u>	<u>DEBONING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Weight Range	4.20 & Down	4.21 - 5.25	5.26 & Up	----
Total (000)	27,994	20,402	50,222	98,618
Percentage	28%	21%	51%	100%

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

<u>Live Weights</u>	<u>RTC WOG Weights</u>	<u>No. of Head (000)</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Slaughter</u>
3.60 lbs. & Lighter	Under 2 lbs., 8 oz.	5,817	5.90
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. - 2 lbs., 10 oz.	3,923	3.98
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2 lbs., 10 oz., -2 lbs., 12 oz.	10,985	11.14
4.01 - 4.20 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 14 oz.	7,269	7.37
		27,994	28.39

BROILER EGG SET CHICKS PLACED IN 19 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER SLAUGHTER

Slaughter Week	Egg Sets	Chicks Placed	Eggs Set 10 Weeks Previous	Chicks Placed 7 Weeks Previous	Prelim. Fed. Insp. Million head Slaughtered
	(000) %*	(000) %*	(000) %*	(000) %*	(000) %* *
Jan 08	211,371 102	173,506 104	197,554 103	163,047 104	160,263 116
Jan 15	209,323 101	172,115 103	200,982 100	166,083 101	159,418 99
Jan 22	210,089 102	172,652 104	207,843 101	171,274 102	149,431 94
Jan 29	211,302 103	171,613 102	208,330 102	171,993 103	157,768 101
Feb 05	213,567 103	172,910 102	209,691 100	173,272 102	156,566 99
Feb 12	213,403 102	175,844 105	208,114 102	172,093 102	154,449 99
Feb 19	213,355 102	175,506 105	209,798 101	172,356 102	156,653 101
Feb 26	213,200 101	175,684 104	211,111 103	173,466 104	156,421 100
Mar 05	215,017 102	177,025 105	209,901 102	173,733 104	160,095 102

Data in bold are subject to revision *Percent of previous year **Percent change from previous week

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.)	Majority	Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago
Week of 03/14/05				
NEW YORK Grade A Ice-packed	69-73	71.48	69.57	75.58
CHICAGO Grade A Ice-packed	66-69	68.78	66.64	72.16
LOS ANGELES Grade A Ice-packed	80	79.03	78.87	78.24
12-CITY COMPOSITE Weighted Avg.		72.97	71.74	75.30
GEORGIA DOCK FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock 73.75)		72.93	72.69	71.84
SOUTHERN STATES FOB Whole Body 5 Day Avg.		53.59	52.37	68.82

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)	Northeast (Delivered)	Southern States (FOB)	Georgia (FOB)
<u>Weekly Weighted Average</u>	<u>03/11/05</u>	<u>03/11/05</u>	<u>03/14/05</u>
Breast - B/S	147.17	146.69	146.00
Tenderloins	151.71	150.56	173.50 (Line run)
Breast - Line Run	91.44	90.06	86.00 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	31.97	29.33	32.00
Wings	106.28	102.06	109.50